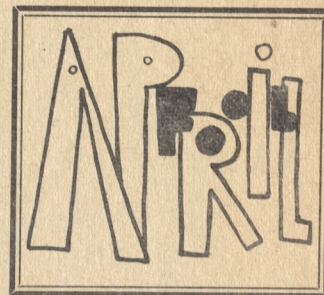




The Pilot



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Anchor Due Early in May

By Jane Appel

The *Anchor*, Fort Hamilton's annual literary magazine, will be available to the student body after the Easter Holidays and will be distributed in the English classes for fifty cents a copy.

20 Years of Art Work

In honor of Fort Hamilton's twentieth anniversary, the *Anchor* will contain a four page art portfolio reviewing the art work done, during the last twenty years, at our school. The work of past graduates, dating back to 1943, will be included.

This year's issue will also have poetry, stories, and essays which have been submitted through the English classes.

A few outstanding contributions are a poem by Janet Yellen, a science fiction tale by Daniel Cooper and a story about India, by Susan Stover. One particular article which no student will want to miss is, "What High School Did to Us," by Evelyn Junge, Carol Mendizza, Deeb Salem, and Marilyn Zolotor.

The following students are on the editorial board of the *Anchor*: Co-editors-in-chief, Susan Dunn and Marilyn Zolotor; Business Manager, Edersen; Art Editors, Igor Stipanovic and Rita Sarant; Copy Editor, Charlotte Krasman.

One of the Best

The *Anchor* is under the very able supervision of Miss Helen P. Gerlach who said, "It is our hope that through the stories, poems, and art work included in this magazine, students may have the opportunity to see what literary and artistic achievements their classmates are capable of, and that they too will submit their own original and creative work." She added, "The staff has worked very hard to produce one of the best magazines Fort Hamilton has ever had, and we hope the students will enjoy it."

Last year, the *Anchor* was completely sold out. Because of the limited number of copies available, students should subscribe to it as soon as possible.

Artists Receive Honors In Brotherhood Contest

By Janet Yellen

Eighteen Hamiltonites have received awards for their outstanding entries in the annual Brotherhood Poster Contest. Prizes for the competition, which was sponsored by the Brevoort Savings Bank, B'nai Brith and the Bay Ridge Community Council, were donated by twenty-two civic, religious and fraternal organizations.

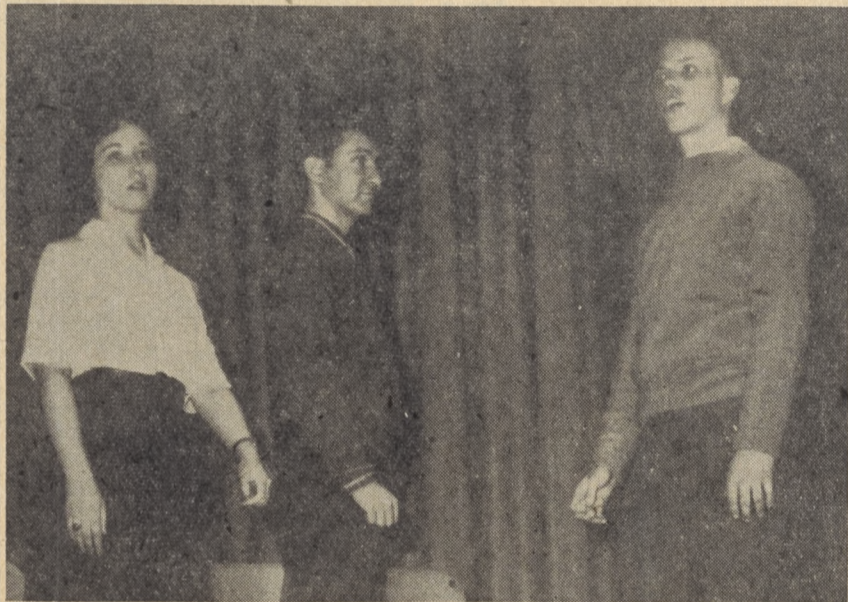
400 Entries Received

The theme of this year's competition was "Brotherhood—Believe It—Live It—Support It." Over 400 entries were received from sixteen public and parochial schools. Miss Anna C. Dick, chairman of the Fort Hamilton Art Department, served as co-chairman of the project with Mrs. Edna Amdur of B'nai Brith.

Juniors and Seniors Share

Twenty-five dollar Savings Bonds for Best in Show were awarded to

Curtaintimers Rehearse Spring Play



Left to right: Janette Gautier, Lester Issacs, Roy Jacobsen.

Statesmen Answer Students' Mail

In order to make students aware of the right of citizens to express opinions, to try to influence legislation and to be critical, Miss Rita Duhig, of the History Department, is requiring her classes to write to government officials. Among the people who have replied are President Kennedy, Governor Rockefeller, Senators Javits and Goldwater and Mayor Wagner. The topics run the gamut from milk dating, to U.N. bonds, to the European Common Market.

Responses to Letters

"The people who are willing to listen to all sides, without attempting to discredit individuals or their government, are those on whom our future lies," was part of the reply sent to Howard Schaeffer, by Senator Stephen Young about the John Birch Society. Marilyn Zolotor has, as a result of her letter questioning the wisdom of fallout shelters, received much civil defense literature and two sets of plans for building a shelter. Also, because of John Del Coris' letter, Traffic Commissioner, Henry Barnes, has promised to investigate traffic conditions on 5th Avenue, from

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FHHS Visitor Reviews Stay

Dureen Islam, *Herald Tribune* Youth Forum Delegate from Pakistan, had a fascinating stay in this country, since her arrival in January. On her tour throughout the United States, she perhaps saw more than most American citizens. Dureen even had the pleasure of meeting President Kennedy and had this to say of him. "He is a true world leader, and after speaking to him for just a few minutes, I learned more than in my previous weeks of travel. He has an excellent personality, and also, he is very handsome."

Dureen considered her trip to Washington the highlight of her tour.

Chivalry Not Dead

Dureen found from her experiences in America that all teen-agers are very much the same, but here, they are more independent. She remarked that chivalry is not dead in the United States.

A college student in Pakistan, Dureen liked the American schools and found that the Fort Hamilton students were very friendly; in fact, this applied to everyone in the United States. She laughed and added, "I feel that I qualify for citizenship here, as I like hot dogs, coke, popular music, and, of course, the twist."

Then, speaking more seriously, she said, "What I have learned will be of great importance to my people and me."

Quick Calendar

March 30	End of 3rd Quarter
April 5	<i>Pilot</i> published
April 13, 14	School play <i>Meet Me in St. Louis</i> Easter Holidays
April 19— April 29, incl.	
May 11, 12	Musical
May 17	<i>Pilot</i> published
May 25	Program Change Deadline
May 30	Memorial Day (no school)
June 7	Anniversary Day (no school)
June 14	<i>Pilot</i> published
June 18, 19 20	Regents
June 26	Commencement (B'klyn College)

St. Louis is Scene Of Varsity Show

By Joan Garner

The problem of moving to a strange city, where a great event is about to take place, is that which confronts a typical American family, when the Curtaintimers, under the direction of Miss Peggy Moran, present *Meet Me in Saint-Louis*. This three-act comedy will be presented Friday and Saturday evenings, April 13 and 14, in the school auditorium. Tickets are \$1.00, and seats are unreserved.

The play, dramatized from Sally Benson's book by Christopher Sergel,

School Mourns Teacher's Death

The faculty and students of Fort Hamilton High School deeply regret the passing away of Mr. Barney Shomay. He was a truly dedicated teacher, and his whole life revolved about the teaching of mathematics, the subject he loved most.

He worked tirelessly with his students, arriving early at school and leaving late. No task was too difficult or too time-consuming for him.

All who knew Mr. Shomay feel a great loss at his death.

15 Students Win Achievement Pins

Industrial Arts Achievement Awards have been presented to fifteen shop and mechanical drawing students in recognition of their outstanding ability in this field.

The prize, consisting of an engraved certificate and sterling-silver pin, was awarded to the student in each class whose work best exemplified "Knowledge . . . Citizenship . . . Craftsmanship."

The project is co-sponsored by *Mechanics Illustrated*, a national science monthly, and the Industrial Arts Chairmen's Association of New York City.

The recipients this term were Frank Dono, 2B2; David Ireland, 4B10; Arnold Gerber, 3A13; Serafin Reyes, 3B14; Arnold Meland, 3A17; Alex Bell, 4A1; Thomas Massimino, 4B2; Douglas McCarthy, 4B4; James Raymond, 4A7; Lloyd Jacobsen, 4B10; Gerard Petrino, 4A13; Thomas Melville, 4B16; and Richard Heitmann, 4A17.

Gautier and Jacobsen in Leads

Janette Gautier, 4A7, and Roy Jacobsen, 3A17, will play the leads. Others in the cast include: Lester Isaacs, 4B18; Iris Orenstein, 4B12; Rosalyn Renken, 3B6; Claudia Gray, 4A11; Laura Barbera, 3B10; Michele Sakal, 4B14; Ronald Panvini, 4B6; Charles Perrin, 2C25; Arlene Pedersen, 4A15; Jocelyn Franz, 2B12; Sally Miller, 1B10; Gil Syre, 4A9; Charles Schefold, 2B4; and Anthony Corlito, 2A11.

Lady Babberly, a character appearing in all three acts, has not yet been cast. She is the feline attraction.

Many Assist Backstage

In addition to a small role, Douglas Monroe, 2B14, will act as stage manager; Herb Frick, 4B6, as production manager; Amelia Amandola, 3A3, will serve as prompter.

Rosemary Rando, 3A11, has charge of props, and Elizabeth Johnson, 3B12, costumes. Gregory Christopulos, 4B14, will direct lighting and audio effects under the supervision of Mr. D. Cohen.

Mr. Carl Makower, a member of the Art Department, is designing the scenery. Mr. John Matheson, Chairman of the Shop Department, will construct the sets.

Miss Anna C. Dick, Chairman of the Art Department, is in charge of program design and special effects. Music is under the supervision of Mr. Herbert Lessell.

"This play promises to be excellent," said Miss Moran. "The cast co-operates very well, and all are sure to come through with good performances."

Miss Moran has been acting since she was seven, and has appeared in

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Able Students Capture Regents Scholarships

By Vicki Halper

On February 16, 40 Seniors received money in the mail. These outstanding students were winners of the New York State Regents Scholarships. The awards are presented on the basis of a six hour exam. Students who continue their higher education in the State will receive aid according to their needs.

Three Major Groups

Fort Hamilton scholarship winners fall into three major groups: college scholarships, 4 year nursing scholarships, and three year nursing scholarships.

Eleven boys and twenty-three girls received awards in the first category. They are: Jane Appel, Elizabeth Awad, Gregory Christopulos, William

Cone, Frances Di Bari, Susan Dunn, Nina Ernst, Janette Gautier, Thomas Gilheany, Judith Haber, Vicki Halper, Arleen Hansen, Victoria Hills, Susan Hirsch, Evelyn Junge, Robert Just, Merry Lighthill, Douglas McCarthy.

Alice Nelson, Constance Norgren, Rose Pagliaro, Karen Peterson, Roger Pratt, Eddie Ranucci, Peter Reilly, Gordon Reinertsen, Deeb Salem, Howard Schaeffer, Jean Scott, Margaret Serota, Susan Sherk, Patricia Sinnott, Arlene Tuccillo, and Tina Urowsky.

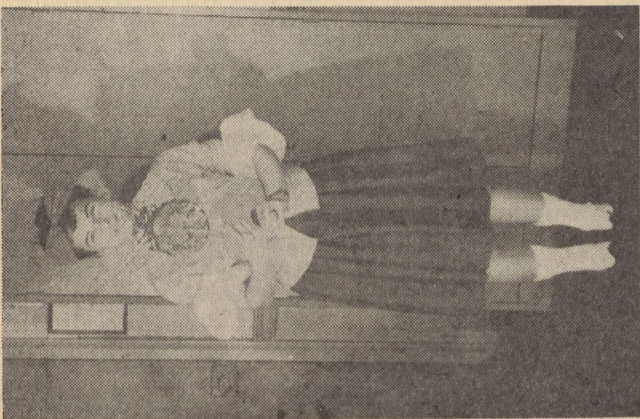
Frances Di Bari and Arleen Hansen were awarded four year nursing scholarships.

Three year nursing grants were received by Judith Fagerstrom, Kath-

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Youth in Bloom

Come Over You"
Dates at Home
 This is a wonderful deterrent to the fellow who might consider peaking in at us. We'll also be the only group, who, instead of going out on dates, will spend a quiet evening at home, matching dexterity at sit-ups, push-ups and sprints.
 Gosh, these exercises are so exciting and interesting that bowling, dancing or the movies are comparatively dull! Just looking at each other, kids can have a real riot! Especially in our fashionable, bloomer-type gymnasts! Perhaps that's what the vogue will be when our children play in their atomic-powered submarines, eat their ready-made food capsules or take week-end trips to another planet. . . those bloomers will be just great if their parachutes fail!
Moans and Groans
 But we are still students, and our
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Harry Drake

Dainty Posies Will From Gym Program

By Lucille Clement

Since December, the Girls' Health Ed. Department has been on a "make-the-girls-physically-fit" binge. We girls envision ourselves as dainty flowers, poised and charming. Then we are told to perfect our push-ups and increase our sprinting ability. Now, we are certainly willing to walk, sit, jump, move, and bend in time to "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," but when we must do push-ups at lightning speed . . . well, something's gotta give!

Then, too, we must coordinate our muscles. Each little bone in our

Teachers Are Getting Younger Every Year

By Joan Pozonski

The Psychology Club has recently announced that it will move to a new location for all future meetings. For this purpose, a padded cell has been built with bars on the windows and no doors, except for the small escape hatch in the newly constructed meeting place.

At a recent session, it was learned that two of the eleven members are suffering from "delusions of grandeur," one claiming to be the reincarnated form of Napoleon and the other, Alexander the Great.

Odd Classroom Behavior

The special room was suggested when Napoleon continued to bring his white stallion to all the meetings. Alex and Leon, as the members call them, race the poor horse up and down the room during most of the meeting, while the other students take notes on this odd behavior.

Strangely enough, the students enjoy having such interesting colleagues and claim they are not disturbed at all. In fact, one member remarked, "There is really nothing wrong with either of them, you know. Why, Leon's horse took me aside just the other day and told me himself that Leon is a swell fellow. He said, in confidence, that even the real Napoleon couldn't have treated him any better, and, as a matter of fact, he didn't!"

Wins Award

By Janet Yelen
Frederick Lester, 3D7, has been awarded a Forthunse Scholarship for his transmutation of gold into iron. A member of the Advanced Chemistry Club, Fred said that the idea had come to him during a discussion of electroparaisits in the tonic compound. "It was evident to me," said Fred, "that $(2Au - 21In; 4 \text{ angstroms} - Cu^{+}Ox^{+} + Is - \% \rightarrow Fe, Cl, \text{ By electrolysis, I separated } S, \text{ from the compound with only } FeCl \text{ remaining. When I combined this with the reagent servantracid, the natural element, } Fe, \text{ dropped out with the white precipitate sublimating on the blowpipe, my hands and clothes, the ceiling of the laboratory and my chemistry teacher."$

It was surprising, Fred disclosed, that the ancient alchemists had not reached this conclusion.

The Science Department has acclaimed Fred's achievement in a formal statement which was delivered Monday. "We envision great possibilities for this discovery as a cheap, convenient source of iron—the basis of the industrial age."

Porterhouse Winner Held On Larceny Charge

Frederick Lester is being held by police on a charge of grand larceny, it was announced today. Jeweler Rupert Frankle said that when he found his entire stock of jewelry missing. On his desk lay a note which read "for the cause of science," and soon a worthless iron thinker.

Porterhouse Winner Held
On Larceny Charge

Say Deah!



Yellen Around

By Janet Yellen

A record ticket sale of \$15,000 for a special lecture by the Three Stooges this evening, entitled *The Age of Dramatic Fantasy in Literature and the Theater*, was announced today by the B.O. Dripper Theater. It is to deal essentially with the philosophy presented in *Quick Draw McGraw* and *Huckleberry Hound* and the psychological effect on the neurotic adult population. . .

No Support for Hope

Congress today appropriated \$17,000,000 for the Department of Agriculture for a study of the life of the South American chimpanzee and the effect of the sloth on the attitude of Brazilian labor and management groups. Support for the medical ship *Hope* has been refused, because its dealings in underdeveloped Asia were described as "promoting unrest in the native population and stimulating interest in the Communist doctrine." . . .

Bomb Drops

While all America sat glued to their television sets last evening, listening to the President's speech on "Our Friends in the Orient," the Hiroshima armed forces inflicted a crucial blow on New York City, when they dropped the first neutron bomb. Said the President's Press Secretary: "We were much grieved at the fact that 900,000 people were killed and injured by the radioactive particles. We were relieved, however, that no buildings were destroyed and that New York harbor has remained in operation." New Yorkers were greatly disturbed when neutrons penetrated the lead walls of their fallout shelters. Said a spokesman for SANE, "We told you so!" . . .

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By Daniel Cooper

Painfully putting down the urge to yell out "Yoo-Hoo, Mrs. Bloom," we confidently strode into the *Pilot* Office. A quick glance around the room revealed that everything was normal. A cross-legged on a chair fingering a diamond guitar. At sparse intervals, enlightening words of wisdom spewed forth from her lips. "What do you think of the senior-faculty basketball game," she demanded of Lloyd Sara, sports editor. Lloyd glanced over his shoulder and asked Vicki, in no uncertain terms, to shut up. His tiddly-winks were obviously keeping him occupied.

At this point, we threw open the door and announced, "Here I am!" A fierce grin splashed across our face. Suddenly, a low moan issuing from behind the door interrupted our moment of ecstasy. Charles Saydah, better known as Charlie, or more affectionately as Sadie, dropped to the floor. "Now see what you've done," muttered Vicki Halper, fingers and guitar strings flying. "Charlie was doing a hand-stand against the wall to show us how to keep our noses to the grindstone!" At this point, Charlie gathered his books and his coat, and ran down the third floor corridor moaning like a sick dog.

"Well," said Mrs. Bloom, faculty adviser, "Let's get some business done!"

"Yeth, leth!" added Susan Hirsch, news and advertising editor. Susan took the cookie out of her mouth and continued. "You're thupthoed to do an interview of Mrth. Bloom."

"Who, me?" we said. We were

Juniors Earn Prizes In Oratory Contests

By Lois Leewe

Fort Hamilton High School has been proudly represented in oratory contests this season. Howard Kearns, 3B16, and Louise Kiernan, 3A7, under the guidance of Miss Joan McCabe, have won coveted public speaking awards.

Prizes and Speeches

Howard Kearns won first prize by defeating ten other schools at an annual, city-wide, public speaking contest, sponsored by B'nai B'rith on February 7. He wrote his own speech on the topic, "What Brotherhood Means to Me." Howard received a \$25 Savings Bond and a bronze medal. He also won the Theodore Roosevelt Oratorical Contest several months ago.

"Howard is a very fine speaker and one who is exceptionally interested in the art of public speaking," said Miss McCabe.

Louise Kiernan placed second in the Kings County Division of the American Legion Oratorical Contest, on January 31. She wrote her own speech and spoke for ten minutes on the topic, "The Constitution of the United States." Miss McCabe commented, "Louise's is one of the best speeches ever written by a student." She received an 18 inch trophy. On February 14, she achieved third place in the American Legion Second District Oratorical Contest in Staten Island. She was awarded a 12 inch trophy.

New Speech Club

Miss McCabe, a member of the English Department, said she herself developed an interest in public speaking because, "I like to talk. I'm a

Brotherhood

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of Bay Ridge, made their selections on the basis of originality and interpretation of message, effectiveness of design, and craftsmanship.

"Many people worked hard to make the contest a success," said Miss Dick. "The enthusiasm for the project was indicated by the unusually large number of local organizations that participated."

National Brotherhood Week is sponsored annually by the National Council of Christians and Jews.

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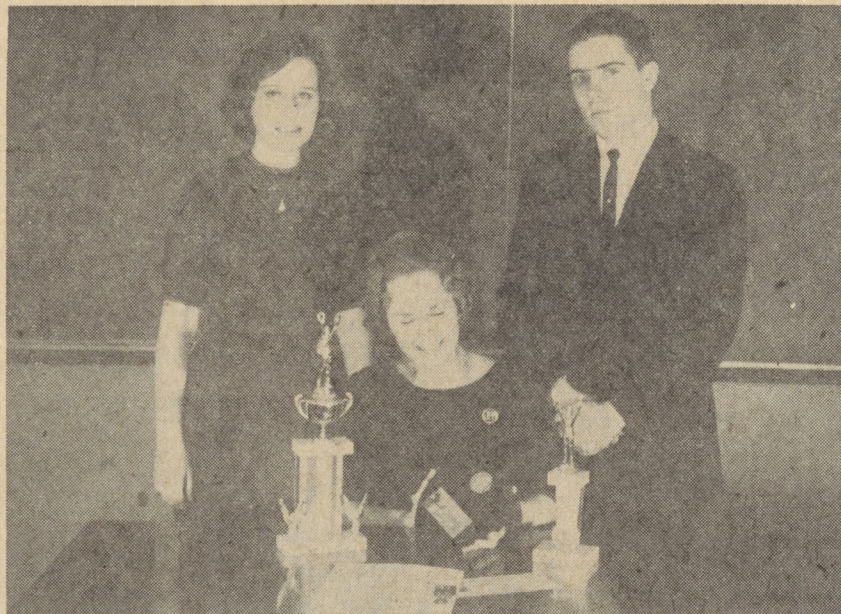
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Left to right: Louise Kiernan, Miss Joan McCabe, Howard Kearns.

Harry Drake

Red Cross Asks For Volunteers

Students are needed to work as Junior Red Cross Volunteers this coming summer in vacation playgrounds, city hospitals, All Day Neighborhood Schools, Red Cross Chapters and other community agencies.

Girls who wish to take part are urged to see Miss Hanna Mattson, Adviser to the Red Cross Club, and are assured that this work will be a rewarding experience. A record of the hours of service rendered is included in each student's permanent file.

Last summer, eleven Hamiltonites worked for the Junior Red Cross. They are Mary Ann Muglia, Michele Segelio, Christine Wolff, Ann Bierster, Eleanor Arato, Kathy Marie Dukas, Linda Hitter, Patricia Koritor, Agnes Larsen, Carol Elizabeth Powers and Rose Elaine Levine.

Letters

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51st to 59th Streets.

Perhaps Senator Javits summed up the thoughts of all who received letters when he said, "I shall weigh these matters with serious concern, and appreciate knowing of your views and having your patriotic interest."

Student Takes Geology Course

Principles in Geology, a special 30 hour course sponsored by the American Museum of Natural History, in conjunction with Texaco Inc., has been completed by Janet Yellen, 3B8. Offered to interested science students, classes were held on Saturday mornings from October 14 through January 21.

The curriculum included mineral identification, a study of the earth's geological features, and field trips to the Palisades in New Jersey and to Strickland, Connecticut to supplement classroom discussions.

The group was comprised of twenty pupils representing high schools throughout the city. Because of their enthusiasm for the subject, the students have formed the first high school geology club in the city.

Scholarships

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leen Flanagan, Margit Maakestad, and Suzanne Valentine.

Alternates Slated

Besides these students, 46 seniors are slated as alternates. They will receive scholarships if primary winners reject theirs. (Many students turn down Regents Scholarships if they plan to attend school out of State.)



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